# **House District 19**

# Tom Anderson, Republican



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LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 35 years

Anchorage

### **EDUCATION:**

Bartlett High School, 1985, Diploma; University of Alaska Anchorage, 1989, B.A. Political Science; University of Alaska Anchorage, 1989, Masters in Public Administration; Hamline University, 1999, Law Degree (J.D.).

## **POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**

Anchorage School Board, 2000- 2001; Anchorage Zoning Board of Examiners and Appeals, 1999- 2001; vice chair, Municipal Light and Power Commission, 1995-1996; board of directors, Anchorage Parking Authority, 1992- 1995.

#### **BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**

Board of directors, Big Brothers Big Sisters; Friends of Armed Services YMCA; fundraising committee, Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center; North East Community Patrol; board of directors, Northeast Community Center.

## SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:

Rotary Club, Elks Club, NAACP, Anchorage Chamber of Commerce, American Society of Public Administrators.

### **SPECIAL INTERESTS:**

Travel, hiking, water sports, golf.

#### STATEMENT:

I filed for the open State House seat because neighbors and friends encouraged me to represent the new District 19 where I attended kindergarten through high school, own property, and serve on local boards and committees. A cohesive community identity has begun to take root in Northeast Anchorage and I will work to keep that momentum strong.

As a lifelong resident of East Anchorage, I am concerned about the direction of our state government. We cannot tax ourselves enough to solve the current spending crisis. As a former legislative aide, Anchorage School Board member, business and property owner and parent I know we can improve government efficiency and I believe further taxation is a last option that should only be considered after all our State's spending is kept in check.

The state fiscal crisis, community development and education are my top priorities. Road improvements in conjunction with beautification and revitalization efforts are essential in East Anchorage. Partnerships with the business and faith-based community will further enhance neighborhood vitality. Our schools, the University of Alaska, and the Department of Public Safety deserve top billing with future budgets, yet an increase in responsible resource development must be parallel with yearly expenditures.

I know the district, I understand state and local government, I am active in the community and will use my experience to provide the residents of East Anchorage an honest and forthright conviction to represent our local concerns in Juneau.

I ask for your vote on November 5th.

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